AVATAR

The Last Airbender

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BOOK ONE: WATER
CHAPTER TEN: "Jet"

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ACT ONE

EXT. FOREST - DAY

A fat jungle BUG goes about its forest business when it is attacked suddenly by Momo. It gets away but the chase is on. They go up and down a tree. On his next attempt to trap the bug, Momo catches it in his paws! He takes a peek inside but as he does, the bug escapes. It hops past a pyramid of lychee nuts stacked up on a conspicuous leaf.

Momo forgets all about the Bug. He coils like a cat about to pounce even though the nuts aren't going anywhere. Then - wait for it - he pounces!

The instant Momo lands on the stack of nuts, a trap springs, closing like a spring-loaded Venus flytrap. It raises Momo by a rope high into the branches. Two nearby cages contain hog monkeys, who bark at him viciously.

HOG MONKEYS
1 (BARKING) 1

EXT. CAMP - CONTINUOUS

Aang, Katara, and Sokka have a simple camp set up. They hear the barking and look around.

AANG
2 Where's Momo? 2

EXT. FOREST - MOMENTS LATER

The kids arrive at the site of the cages. The hog monkeys, no longer barking, are now GROWLING as Momo happily eats the lychee nuts inside the cage, oblivious to his plight.

AANG
(concerned)
3 Hang on, Momo! 3

Aang climbs the tree and lowers Momo's cage. Then all three kids force the cage open against the spring, with great effort. Momo exits the cage and the kids release the trap, which immediately snaps shut again. Then Momo notices a nut remains inside the cage. He slips back between the bars, grabs it, and slips out again. Aang LAUGHS. The hog monkeys see Momo free and start to WHINE.

AANG
4 Alright, you too. 4

Aang begins the process anew by climbing the tree.

SOKKA
5 This is going to take forever. 5

To speed things along, Sokka throws his boomerang and severs both cages' ropes in one toss. The hog monkeys crash down. The force of the fall knocks the cages open and the hog monkeys run off BARKING.

AANG
6 That works. 6

Sokka walks over to one of the broken traps. He picks up a hinge from it and examines it.

SOKKA
7 These are Fire Nation traps, you can tell from the metalwork. We better pack up camp and get moving. 7

EXT. CAMP - LATER

The group is packing. Aang and Katara place their satchels on Appa. Sokka walks over and takes the packs off.

SOKKA
8 Uh-uh, no flying this time. 8

AANG
9 What? Why wouldn't we fly? 9

SOKKA
10 Think about it. Somehow Prince Zuko and the Fire Nation keep finding us. It's because they spot Appa. He's just too noticeable. 10

KATARA
11 What? Appa's not too noticeable. 11

SOKKA
12 He's a gigantic fluffy monster with an arrow on his head! It's kind of hard to miss him. 12

APPA
13 (BELLOWS) 13

AANG
(comforting)
14 Sokka’s just jealous because he doesn’t have an arrow. 14

SOKKA
15 I know you all want to fly, but my instincts tell me we should play it safe this time and walk. 15

KATARA
16 Who made you the boss? 16

SOKKA
17 I’m not the boss. I’m the leader. 17

KATARA
(laughing)
18 You’re the leader? But your voice still cracks. 18

SOKKA
(voice cracking)
19 I’m the oldest and I’m a warrior. So I’m the leader. 19

KATARA
20 If anyone’s the leader, it’s Aang. I mean he <u>is</u> the Avatar. 20

SOKKA
21 Are you kidding? He’s just a goofy kid! 21

We reveal Aang is now hanging upside down from Appa’s horns. He gives Katara a goofy smile.

AANG
22 He’s right. 22

KATARA
23 Why do boys always think someone has to be the leader? I bet you wouldn’t be so bossy if you kissed a girl. 23

SOKKA
24 I’ve kissed a girl! You just haven’t met her. 24

KATARA
25 Who? Gran Gran? I’ve met Gran Gran. 25

SOKKA
26 No, besides Gran Gran! 26
(determined)
27 Look, my instincts tell me we have a better chance of slipping through on foot and a leader has to trust his instincts. 27

KATARA
(sarcastic)
28 Okay, we'll try it your way, oh wise leader. 28

AANG
29 Who knows? Walking might be fun... 29

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. FOREST - LATER

The kids are hiking through the forest, carrying their own bags. They look incredibly tired.

AANG
30 Walking stinks! How do people go anywhere without a flying bison? 30

KATARA
31 Well, I don't know Aang, why don't you ask Sokka's instincts. They seem to know everything. 31

SOKKA
32 Ha ha, very funny. 32

AANG
33 I'm tired of carrying this pack. 33

KATARA
34 You know who you should ask to carry it for a while? Sokka's instincts. 34

AANG
35 That's a great idea! Hey Sokka's instincts, would you mind-- 35

SOKKA
36 Okay, okay, I get it! Look guys, I'm tired too. But the important thing is that we're safe from the Fire Nation... 36

At that moment they walk into a clearing, and stumble upon...

EXT. FIRE NATION CAMP - AT THAT MOMENT

Fire Nation Soldiers look up from their activities -- playing cards, roasting marshmallows, sharpening weapons. There is a beat as both sides are a bit surprised and caught off guard. (NOTE: The captain is the only Firebender in the group. The other soldiers are armed with assorted weapons.)

SOKKA
(voice cracking)
37 Run. 37

The kids turn to run, and the Soldiers pick up their weapons and charge. Aang uses Airbending to blow the BURNING WOOD at the Soldiers, sending glowing ashes and sparks everywhere. Katara Waterbends the HOT WATER from a cooking kettle to scald a Fire Nation Soldier. But they're hopelessly outnumbered. The Captain shoots a Firebending bolt that sets ablaze the trees in the kids' path.

SOKKA
38 We're cut off. 38

AANG
39 Sokka, your shirt! 39

Sokka's shirt has caught fire! Katara uses Waterbending to put it out. As she does so, the soldiers surround them.

SOKKA
40 If you let us pass, we promise not to hurt you. 40

KATARA
(sotto)
41 What are you doing? 41

SOKKA
(sotto)
42 Bluffing. 42

FIRE NATION CAPTAIN
43 <u>You</u> promise not to hurt <u>us</u>? 43

As he speaks, the captain suddenly SLUMPS over and falls asleep immediately.

AANG
44 Nice work, Sokka. How'd you do that? 44

SOKKA
45 Uh... instinct? 45

KATARA
46 Look! 46

They turn to see JET, a camouflaged teenager with a blow gun in the trees. Jet makes a daring LEAP to the ground, and brandishes in each hand a hook sword - a long pole with a hook at the end, an arced blade above the fist, and a spearhead beneath the handle. He TRIPS two Fire Nation soldiers with his hooks.

JET
47 Down you go. 47

Jet takes out another soldier. Suddenly, several other teenagers drop out from where they were hiding in the trees - they are a ragtag group of guerrillas who wear camouflage and carry many different weapons. LONGSHOT, a rebel teen with a bow and arrow, fires a shot which pins a soldier to a tree.

FIRE NATION SOLDIER 1
48 They’re in the trees! 48

Some troops look up, only to be knocked over by SMELLERBEE and PIPSQUEAK jumping down on them from behind. Aang, Katara, and Sokka join the fight. Sokka sees a nearby soldier. He readies his boomerang.

SOKKA
49 (BATTLE SCREAMS) 49

Before he connects, Jet swoops in, and deftly incapacitates the soldier.

SOKKA
50 Hey! He was mine! 50

JET
51 Got to be quicker next time. 51

Sokka looks miffed -- Katara looks impressed.

Suddenly Jet is charged from behind by a Fire Nation soldier. He quickly parries the oncoming blow, but in the process his hook sword becomes entangled with the soldier’s weapon. Before he can disentangle, he is set upon by another soldier. Thinking quickly, Jet uses the first soldier’s weapon, manipulating it with his tangled hook sword, to fight off the second attacker. Then with a quick swoop of his other sword he hooks and trips both attackers.

As he withdraws the tangled hook sword, he uses it to FLING the Fire Nation weapon 15 feet, where it knocks out another Fire Nation soldier. As the soldier slumps to the ground, we see standing behind him Sokka was about to deliver a blow.

SOKKA
(miffed)
52 Man... 52

Looking up, Jet sees he's being charged by a large soldier with a long spear. He hooks the spear downward, where it jams into the ground. Jet runs up the spear's shaft, double kicking the soldier's helmet and leaping off of his head. He lands next to an awed Katara.

JET
(to Katara)
53 Hey. 53

KATARA
54 Hi. 54

As they face the battle ready to fight some more, they see all of the Fire Nation soldiers scattering and fleeing into the woods. Aang rushes over to Jet and Katara.

AANG
55 You just took out a whole army almost single-handed! 55

SOKKA
56 Army? Pfft, there were only like twenty guys. 56

JET
57 My name is Jet and these are my freedom fighters: Sneers, Longshot, Smellerbee, the Duke and Pipsqueak. 57

Jet indicates the other members of his gang. Aang looks to the smallest rebel, who is about eight years old.

AANG
58 Pipsqueak, that's a funny name. 58

Pipsqueak, who is actually the largest member of the group, answers.

PIPSQUEAK
(deep voice)
59 You think my name is funny? 59

Katara and Sokka look worried for a beat at Aang's faux pas.

AANG
(unfazed)
60 It’s hilarious! 60

Pipsqueak laughs.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. FIRE NATION CAMP - CONTINUOUS

The freedom fighters and the kids are at the Fire Nation campsite. Katara approaches Jet. She is noticeably coy.

KATARA
61 Um... thanks for saving us, Jet. We're lucky you were there. 61

JET
62 I should be thanking you. We were waiting to ambush those soldiers all morning -- we just needed the right distraction. And then you guys stumbled in. 62

KATARA
(glances Sokka's way)
63 We were relying on instincts. 63

JET
64 You'll get yourself killed doing that. 64

Sokka is miffed. The Duke and Pipsqueak are standing near some red barrels marked with a symbol for explosives. The Duke pick up a handful of viscous goop and smells it.

THE DUKE
65 Hey, Jet! These barrels are filled with blasting jelly. 65

JET
66 That's a great score! 66

PIPSQUEAK
67 And these boxes are filled with jelly candy! 67

JET
68 Also good. Let's not get those mixed up. 68

THE DUKE
69 We'll take this stuff back to the hideout. 69

AANG
70 You guys have a hideout? 70

JET
71 You want to see it? 71

KATARA
(immediately)
72 Yes, we want to see it. 72

Jet smiles at Katara.

EXT. FOREST - AFTERNOON

The kids and Jet's rebels arrive at the hideout - with a Fire Nation wagon holding red barrels in tow. Appa follows. The "hideout" looks like the rest of the forest.

JET
73 We're here. 73

SOKKA
74 Where? There's nothing here. 74

JET
75 Hold this. 75

SOKKA
76 Why? What's this do? 76

Jet gives Sokka a rope with a loop tied into the end. As soon as Sokka grabs hold, he is flung straight up into the trees.

SOKKA
77 Whoa whoa! 77

Sokka flies out of sight.

JET
(offering a rope)
78 Aang? 78

AANG
79 I'll get up on my own. 79

Aang uses Airbending to reach the branches and Momo follows.

JET
80 Grab hold of me, Katara. 80

Katara does so. Jet uses the rope loop as a foot hold and they ascend at a more reasonable pace up the tree.

EXT. TREETOP HIDEOUT ROPE BRIDGES - CONTINUOUS

As Katara and Jet reach the branches, we see Jet's treetop hideout for the first time. The hideout is an amazing hidden base of really awesome treehouses connected by zip lines, ladders, and rope bridges.

AANG
81 Nice place you got! 81

Aang grabs onto a zip line and whizzes away through the trees. Momo follows, quickly leaping from branch to branch.

Jet and Katara walk along a rope bridge following Pipsqueak and the gang. A disgruntled Sokka walks a few paces behind.

KATARA
82 It's beautiful up here. 82

JET
83 It's beautiful and more importantly, the Fire Nation can't find us. 83

SMELLERBEE
84 They would love to find <u>you</u>, wouldn't they Jet? 84

JET
85 It's not going to happen Smellerbee. 85

KATARA
86 Why does the Fire Nation want to find you? 86

JET
87 I guess you could say I've been causing them a little trouble. See, they took over a nearby Earth Kingdom town a few years back. 87

PIPSQUEAK
88 We've been ambushing their troops, cutting off their supply lines and doing anything we can to mess with them. 88

JET
89 One day, we'll drive the Fire Nation out of here for good and free that town. 89

KATARA
90 That’s so brave. 90

SOKKA
91 Yeah, nothing’s braver than a guy in a tree house. 91

KATARA
92 Don’t pay any attention to my brother. 92

JET
93 No problem, he probably had a rough day. 93

KATARA
94 So, you all live here? 94

JET
95 That’s right. Longshot over there, his town got burned down by the Fire Nation. And we found the Duke trying to steal our food. I don’t think he ever really had a home. 95

KATARA
96 What about you? 96

JET
(far away look)
97 The Fire Nation killed my parents. I was only eight years old. That day changed me forever. 97

KATARA
98 Sokka and I lost our mother to the Fire Nation. 98

JET
99 I’m so sorry, Katara. 99

Jet looks at her with sympathy and understanding.

EXT. FOREST - LATER

Appa is grazing on the treetop leaves.

INT. TREETOP HIDEOUT - EATING AREA - NIGHT

Everyone is there, enjoying a rowdy feast. Sneers is playing a bizarre instrument. Pipsqueak is eating a LOT.

Jet is walking on the table that people are eating off of. He lifts his glass, and begins an inspiring toast.

JET
100 Today we struck another blow against the Fire Nation swine! 100

EVERYONE
101 (CHEERS) 101

JET
102 I got a special joy from the look on one soldier’s face when the Duke dropped down on his helmet and rode him like a wild hog monkey. 102

EVERYONE
103 (CHEERS) 103

The Duke climbs on the table and runs a victory lap around the perimeter, pumping his fists in the air.

JET
(baiting the crowd)
104 Now, the Fire Nation thinks they don’t have to worry about a couple of kids hiding in the trees. 104

There is an awkward silence as Jet waits for a response.

JET
105 Maybe they’re right... 105

EVERYONE
106 (BOOS) 106

JET
107 Or maybe... they are <u>dead</u> <u>wrong</u>. 107

EVERYONE
108 (HUGE CHEERS) 108

Jet takes his seat next to Katara.

KATARA
109 Hey Jet. Nice speech. 109

JET
110 Thanks. By the way, I was really impressed with you and Aang. That was some great bending I saw out there today. 110

KATARA
111 Well, he’s great. He’s the Avatar. I could use some more training. 111

JET
(to Aang, super smooth)
112 Avatar, huh? Very nice. 112

AANG
(beaming)
113 Thanks, Jet. 113

JET
(turning back to Katara)
114 So, I might know a way that you and Aang can help in our struggle. 114

Katara and Aang look interested, but Sokka interjects.

SOKKA
115 Unfortunately, we have to leave tonight. 115

Jet turns to Sokka, and directs his charm at him.

JET
(disappointed)
116 Sokka, you’re kidding me. I needed you on an important mission tomorrow. 116

SOKKA
(curious)
117 What mission? 117

Jet smiles.

EXT. FOREST - EARLY MORNING

Establishing shot of forest in the morning.

HOG MONKEY
118 (HOWLS IN THE DISTANCE) 118

EXT. FOREST - CONTINUOUS

In a tree, Sokka and Jet set up in ambush.

JET
119 (BIRD CALLS) 119

SMELLERBEE (O.S.)
120 (BIRD CALLS) 120

We reveal Smellerbee and Pipsqueak in a tree on the other side of a path. Sokka jams a knife into the tree branch. He listens to it.

JET
121 What are you doing? 121

SOKKA
122 Shh. It amplifies vibrations. 122

JET
(impressed)
123 Good trick. 123

SOKKA
124 Nothing yet. Wait. Yes... someone’s approaching. 124

JET
125 How many? 125

SOKKA
126 I think there’s just one. 126

JET
127 (BIRD CALLS) Good work, Sokka. Ready your weapon. 127

Sokka does so and PEERS down the path.

SOKKA
128 Wait! False alarm -- He’s just an old man. 128

When Sokka looks back at Jet, he sees Jet swing from the trees with his hook swords and face the Old Man - who wears Fire Nation clothes, but not a soldier’s uniform.

JET
129 What are you doing in our woods, you leech? 129

OLD MAN
130 Please, sir! I’m just a traveller. 130

Jet pushes him in the chest. The Old Man turns to run but is knocked down by an elbow from Smellerbee, who snuck behind the Old Man. Pipsqueak sits on the Old Man and pins him to the ground. Jet runs up to him.

JET
132 Do you like destroying towns? Do you like destroying families? Do you? 132

OLD MAN
133 (CRIES IN PAIN) Please let me go. Have mercy! 133

JET
134 Does the Fire Nation let people go? Does the Fire Nation have mercy? 134

Jet moves to kick the man, but before he lands the blow, Sokka grabs him to try and restrain him.

SOKKA
135 Jet, he’s just an old man! 135

JET
136 He’s Fire Nation. Search him! 136

Smellerbee and Pipsqueak search the Old Man.

SOKKA
137 But he’s not hurting anyone. 137

JET
138 Have you forgotten that the Fire Nation killed your mother? Remember why you fight! 138

SMELLERBEE
139 We got his stuff, Jet. 139

SOKKA
140 This doesn’t feel right. 140

JET
141 It’s what has to be done. Now let’s get out of here. 141

Jet, Pipsqueak, and Smellerbee start running. Sokka waits and looks back at the Old Man.

JET
142 Come on, Sokka! 142

Sokka joins them.

EXT. TREETOP HIDEOUT - GUEST HUT - LATER

Sokka is returning when Aang runs up to him wearing a small messenger bag with a Fire Nation insignia.

AANG
143 Sokka, look what the Duke gave me! 143

Aang throws something from the bag on the ground, which makes a small explosion like a snap. Momo is startled.

MOMO
144 (SCREECH!) 144

Sokka doesn't react -- his thoughts are elsewhere. Momo crawls up Aang, steals some snaps and throws them at Aang. They explode at his feet. He dances to avoid them.

AANG
145 Ouch! Quit it! 145

Katara enters.

KATARA
146 Hey Sokka. Is Jet back? 146

SOKKA
147 Yeah, he's back. But we're leaving. 147

AANG
148 What? 148

KATARA
149 But I made him this hat! 149

Katara reveals a crappy hat made out of bark and leaves.

SOKKA
150 Your boyfriend Jet's a thug. 150

KATARA
(incredulous)
151 What? No he's not. 151

SOKKA
151A He's messed up, Katara. 151A

AANG
153 He's not messed up, he's just got a different way of life. A really fun way of life. 153

SOKKA
153A He beat and robbed a harmless old man. 153A

A beat. Aang is not sure how to respond to this and looks to Katara.

KATARA
154 I want to hear Jet’s side of the story. 154

INT. TREETOP HIDEOUT JET’S HUT - MOMENTS LATER

They are in the middle of their conversation.

JET
155 Sokka, you told them what happened but you didn’t mention that the guy was Fire Nation? 155

KATARA
156 No, he conveniently left that part out. 156

SOKKA
157 Fine, but even if he was Fire Nation, he was a harmless civilian. 157

JET
158 He was an assassin, Sokka. 158

Jet produces an evil-looking blade, and demonstrates how it works.

JET
159 See? There’s a compartment for poison in the knife. He was sent to eliminate me. You helped save my life, Sokka. 159

Katara and Aang look relieved at Jet’s explanation.

KATARA
161 I knew there was an explanation. 161

SOKKA
(denying Jet’s story)
162 I didn’t see any knife. 162

Katara and Aang look to Jet for an explanation.

JET
163 That's because he was concealing it. 163

KATARA
164 See, Sokka? I'm sure you just didn't notice the knife. 164

SOKKA
165 There was no knife. I'm going back to the hut and packing my things. 165

Sokka storms out. Jet turns to Katara worried.

JET
166 Tell me you guys aren't leaving yet. I really need your help. 166

Katara and Aang's ears perk up.

AANG
167 What can we do? 167

JET
168 The Fire Nation is planning on burning down our forest. If you both use Waterbending to fill the reservoir, we could fight the fires. But if you leave now, they'll destroy the whole valley. 168

Off of Katara and Aang's concerned reactions...

CUT TO:

INT. TREETOP HIDEOUT GUEST HUT - MOMENTS LATER

Sokka is packing his bags as Katara pleads with him. Aang and Momo are nearby.

KATARA
169 We can't leave now with the Fire Nation about to burn down a forest! 169

SOKKA
170 I'm sorry, Katara. Jet's very smooth, but we can't trust him. 170

KATARA
171 You know what I think? You're jealous that he's a better warrior and a better leader. 171

SOKKA
172 Katara, I'm not jealous of Jet. It's just that my instincts-- 172

KATARA
173 Well my instincts tell me we need to stay here a little longer and help Jet. Come on, Aang. 173

She exits.

AANG
174 Sorry, Sokka. 174

He exits. Sokka looks like he's been punched in the gut.

EXT. FOREST - THE NIGHT PASSES

Establishing shot of the forest.

APPA
175 (SNORING) 175

INT. TREETOP HIDEOUT GUEST HUT - BEFORE DAWN

Sokka is asleep in his bedroll. The sound of a small creak is heard and one of Sokka's eyes opens for a half-second before returning to sleep. Sokka hears another creak, and in one motion, Sokka darts up from his bedroll and onto a branch outside the hut.

Below he sees Jet and several of his men silently transporting a wagon out of the area below the hideout.

JET
Let's go.

The wagon is still loaded with red Fire Nation barrels. Sokka quietly tracks them out of the village.

EXT. FOREST - MOMENTS LATER

Sokka quietly tails Jet and his men, as they travel with the wagon toward the DAM. Sokka can see that the dam sits between a RESERVOIR and the VALLEY. The Earth Kingdom town is in the Valley. The reservoir is not very full. A RIVER empties into the reservoir on the side farthest from the dam. Have these words drawn a picture for you? If not, Dave Filoni will draw a picture for you.

EXT. DAM - MOMENTS LATER

Sokka takes position behind some bushes and silently observes as Jet and his men arrive at the dam.

JET
(to Longshot)
176 Now listen. You are not to blow the dam until I give the signal. If the reservoir isn't full, the Fire Nation troops could survive. 176

Longshot nods, but the Duke looks concerned.

THE DUKE
177 But what about the people in the town? Won't they get wiped out too? 177

Jet leans down and places a comforting hand on the Duke's shoulder.

JET
178 Look Duke, that's the price of ridding this area of the Fire Nation. 178
(to Longshot)
179 Now don't blow the dam until I give the signal. Got it? 179

Hidden behind bushes, Sokka looks horrified. He turns to run. But right when he turns, he bumps into Pipsqueak and Smellerbee. They had snuck up behind him. They grab him by his ponytail.

SMELLERBEE
180 Where do you think you're going, Ponytail? 180

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

EXT. DAM - MORNING

Smellerbee and Pipsqueak drag Sokka out to where Jet is.

JET
181 Sokka, I'm glad you decided to join us. 181

They release Sokka.

SOKKA
183 I heard your plan to destroy the Earth Kingdom town. 183

JET
184 Our plan is to rid the valley of the Fire Nation. 184

SOKKA
185 There are people living there, Jet! Mothers and fathers and children! 185

JET
186 We can't win without making some sacrifices. 186

SOKKA
187 You lied to Aang and Katara about the forest fire. 187

JET
188 Because they don't understand the demands of war. Not like you and I do. 188

SOKKA
189 I do understand. I understand that there's nothing you won't do to get what you want. 189

JET
190 I was hoping you'd have an open mind, but I can see you've made your choice. 190

He signals to Smellerbee and Pipsqueak.

JET
191 I can't let you warn Katara and Aang. 191

Smellerbee and Pipsqueak approach Sokka. Sokka sees what's happening and goes for his boomerang, but Jet knocks it away with his hook swords before Sokka can use it. Jet's guys grab him.

JET
192 Take him for a walk. A long walk. 192

Jet hands the boomerang to Smellerbee, who binds up Sokka's hands.

SOKKA
193 You can't do this! 193

JET
194 Cheer up, Sokka. We're going to win a great victory against the Fire Nation today. 194

EXT. UPRIVER - LATER

Jet leads Katara and Aang upriver.

KATARA
195 Jet, I'm sorry about how Sokka's been acting. 195

JET
196 No worries. He already apologized. 196

AANG
(slightly skeptical)
197 Really? Sokka apologized? 197

JET
198 Yeah, I was surprised too. I got the sense that maybe you talked to him or something? 198

KATARA
199 Yeah, I did. 199

JET
200 I guess something you said got through to him. Anyhow, he went out on a scouting mission with Pipsqueak and Smellerbee. 200

KATARA
201 I'm glad he cooled off. He's so stubborn sometimes. 201

Aang suddenly shoots into the air - he has been shot up by a steam vent.

AANG
202 Whoa! 202

Aang floats back to the ground, using Airbending.

JET
203 Alright, we're here. Underground water is trying to escape from these vents. I need you guys to help it along. 203

KATARA
204 I've never used bending on water I can't see. I don't know... 204

Jet reassuringly holds Katara by her shoulders.

JET
205 Katara, you can do this. 205

AANG
206 What about me? 206

JET
207 I know the Avatar can do this! 207

Katara and Aang perform some Waterbending. It takes some time, but soon the ground starts shaking. Then the water explodes out and rushes down hill towards/into the river.

JET
208 Yes! Good job. This river empties into the reservoir. A few more geysers and it'll be full. 208

AANG
(pointing)
209 Look, there's another steam vent. 209

They walk over to it. Katara and Aang go to work.

JET
210 Okay. You two keep it up, I'll go check on things at the reservoir. 210

KATARA
211 When we're done we'll meet you over there. 211

JET
212 Actually... probably better if you meet me back at the hideout when you're done. 212

Jet exits. Aang and Katara resume bending. There's a rumble. Then with a huge explosion, water shoots into the air and rushes down the slope to the river.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. UPRIVER - LATER

Aang and Katara have just finished unleashing another geyser.

AANG
213 I bet that's enough, and I'm not just saying that to be lazy. 213

The water is really gushing into the river.

KATARA
214 Let's catch up with Jet at the reservoir. 214

AANG
215 I thought we agreed to meet Jet back at the hideout. 215

KATARA
216 Well, we finished early. I'm sure he'll be happy to see us. 216

EXT. FOREST - THAT MOMENT

Sokka's hands are bound as he is led down a path by Smellerbee and Pipsqueak.

SMELLERBEE
217 Come on, move along! 217

SOKKA
218 How can you stand by and do nothing while Jet wipes out a whole town? 218

PIPSQUEAK
219 Hey listen Sokka, Jet's a great leader. We follow what he says and things always turn out okay. 219

SOKKA
220 If that's how Jet leads... 220

Sokka sees two pyramids of lychee nuts lying conspicuously in the center of two large green leaves -- he recognizes that these are hog monkey traps, like the ones we saw earlier. Suddenly, he breaks away from his captors and makes a dash towards the nuts.

SOKKA
221 ...Then he's got a lot to learn. 221

SMELLERBEE
222 Hey! 222

Sokka races toward the two pyramids of nuts and at the last moment LEAPS over them. The two guys follow and step right onto the hog monkey traps which snap shut and hoist them in the air. The cages are quite cramped for such large guys. Sokka easily wriggles his hands out of the ropes.

SOKKA
223 While you two are up there, you might want to practice your knot work. 223

Sokka SPRINTS off into the woods.

PIPSQUEAK
(to Smellerbee)
224 Hey, Smellerbee, you going to eat your lychee nuts? 224

EXT. RESERVOIR - MOMENTS LATER

Aang and Katara arrive at the reservoir. It has filled to the top. Across the reservoir in the distance, they strain their eyes to see the dam. They notice the Duke, Longshot and a couple other gang members setting up the red Fire Nation barrels at the end of the dam.

KATARA
225 What are they doing? 225

AANG
226 Hey! Those are the red barrels he got from the Fire Nation! 226

KATARA
227 Why would they need blasting jelly? 227

A beat. Then Aang looks worried as he realizes something.

AANG
228 Because Jet's going to blow up the dam. 228

KATARA
229 What? No, that would destroy the town. 229
(beat)
230 Jet wouldn't do that. 230

Aang whips out his glider and starts to take off.

AANG
231 I've got to stop him. 231

KATARA
232 Jet wouldn't do that. 232

From out of nowhere, Jet's hook sword pulls Aang's glider away from him. Aang comes crashing to the floor.

JET
233 Yes, I would. 233

KATARA
234 Jet, why? 234

JET
235 Katara, you would too, if you'd just stop to think. Think about what the Fire Nation did to your mother. We can't let them do that to anyone else ever again. 235

KATARA
236 This isn't the answer. 236

JET
237 I want you to understand me, Katara. I thought your brother would understand, but-- 237

Katara's eyes widen with horror.

KATARA
238 Where's Sokka?! 238

JET
239 Katara-- 239

Jet moves toward her and puts his hand on her shoulder. Katara executes a Waterbending move (with Reservoir water) to blast Jet away from her. Aang turns to retrieve his glider, but just as he reaches it...

AANG

239A I need to get to the dam! 239A

JET

240 You're not going anywhere without your glider. 240

Jet hooks the glider away and quickly tucks it behind him in his belt. He brandishes his hook swords in a fighting stance.

AANG

241 I'm not going to fight you Jet. 241

JET

242 You'll have to if you want your glider back. 242

Suddenly, Katara sends a Waterbending blast at Jet. He jumps out of the way, hooking a branch with one of his swords, and quickly scurries into the trees.

We see a combination fight/keep away game as they each expertly leap from branch to branch.

Aang finally knocks the glider out of Jet's belt and it falls to the ground. Aang leaps down to get it, but Jet does an impressive flip move, landing in between Aang and his glider. In the same action, Jet transfers his momentum into a hook sword, which he uses to fling Aang over his head and into a nearby tree.

Just as he completes the move, Jet gets knocked by a blast of water from Katara. She continues to fire blasts at him. Jet tries to parry the blows with the blades on the sides of his hook swords, but they are ineffective against water attacks. Finally, she uses ice attacks to freeze his hands to a tree.

KATARA

243 Why Jet? I can't believe I trusted you. You lied to me! You're sick and I trusted you! 243

JET

244 (BIRD CALLS) 244

KATARA

245 What are you doing? 245

They hear one and then another BIRD CALL echo along the reservoir towards the dam.

JET
246 You're too late. 246

KATARA
247 No! 247

Aang recovers. Aang snaps open his glider and sees that the wing is badly torn.

AANG
248 Sokka's still out there... he's our only chance. 248

Katara looks off toward the dam, still holding on to hope.

KATARA
249 Come on, Sokka! I'm sorry I ever doubted you. Please! 249

EXT. DAM - CONTINUOUS

There is an extended beat. Will Sokka arrive and save the day?

Longshot removes a special incendiary arrow from his quiver. He lights the tip on a nearby torch, places it in his bow, draws back and fires. The flaming arrow soars through the sky and hits the cluster of barrels.

They EXPLODE! Sokka was too late! The dam gets destroyed as a huge avalanche of water races out. The water from the reservoir rushes out into the valley below.

EXT. RESERVOIR - CONTINUOUS

Katara, Aang, and Jet are still there.

KATARA
250 No! 250

EXT. TOWN - CONTINUOUS

A giant wall of water CRASHES into the town, submerging it. Water rushes into a house and then bursts the windows on the opposite side. We see a few other shots of the destruction.

Various Earth Kingdom earthenware floats by, along with a CHILD'S DOLL. But no people are shown in any of the wreckage.

EXT. RESERVOIR - CONTINUOUS

Katara, Aang, and Jet are still there.

AANG
251 Sokka didn't make it in time. 251

KATARA
252 All those people... Jet, you monster. 252

JET
253 This was a victory, Katara. Remember that. The Fire Nation is gone, and this valley will be safe. 253

SOKKA (O.S.)
254 It <u>will</u> be safe. 254

We reveal that Sokka has landed on Appa nearby.

SOKKA
255 Without you. 255

KATARA
256 Sokka! 256

SOKKA
(to Jet)
257 I warned the villagers of your plan just in time. 257

JET
258 What? 258

SOKKA
259 At first they didn't believe me. 259

EXT. TOWN - FLASHBACK

We see various still shots of Sokka's heroics as he tells Jet what happened.

SOKKA (V.O.)
260 The Fire Nation soldiers assumed I was a spy. But one man vouched for me. The old man you attacked. 260
(MORE)

SOKKA(cont'd)
He urged them to trust me, and we got everyone out in time.

EXT. TOWN - PRESENT

The flood finally begins receding. There are no bodies.

EXT. HILL ON OUTSKIRTS - CONTINUOUS

The townsfolk are assembled on a hill at the outskirts of town. As the water recedes, a PLUMP LITTLE GIRL walks down and recovers her doll from the water.

PLUMP LITTLE GIRL
261 Mrs. Pretty! 261

She hugs the doll.

EXT. RESEVOIR - CONTINUOUS

Katara and Aang celebrate.

JET
262 Sokka, you fool! We could have freed this valley. 262

SOKKA
263 Who would be free? Everyone would be dead. 263

JET
264 You traitor! 264

SOKKA
265 No Jet, you became the traitor when you stopped protecting innocent people. 265

The kids get on Appa.

JET
266 Katara, please, help me. 266

KATARA
267 Goodbye, Jet. 267

She turns away, fighting back tears.

SOKKA
268 Yip yip! 268

Appa takes off as Jet begins to struggle with his ice restraints. As Appa ascends, we see many Fire Nation Soldiers advancing towards Jet.

EXT. SKY - LATER

Katara, Aang, and Sokka ride Appa. Sokka is still “driving.”

AANG
269 We thought you were going to the dam. How come you went to the town instead? 269

KATARA
270 Let me guess, your instincts told you. 270

SOKKA
271 Hey, sometimes they’re right. 271

AANG
272 Um, Sokka? You know we’re going the wrong way, right? 272

SOKKA
273 And sometimes they’re wrong. 273

Sokka turns Appa around as we...

FADE OUT

THE END